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IN AN EDITORIAL, ENTITLED "U.S.-EUROPEAN TALKS", TIMES OF MALTA
(CONSERVATIVE) OF MAY 27 COMMENTS:

"DR. HENRY KISSINGER, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, FLEW TO PARIS
YESTERDAY FOR ECONOMIC TALKS BEFORE JOINING PRESIDENT FORD IN
BRUSSELS ON THURSDAY. THE MAIN AIM OF THE PRESIDENT'S AND STATE
SECRETARY'S SIX-DAY EUROPEAN VISIT IS TO ASSURE AMERICA'S
EUROPEAN ALLIES THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD STAND BY ITS
COMMITMENTS TO EUROPE.

THERE IS DEEP CONCERN OVER THE SENSITIVE PROBLEM OF COMMUNITIS
INFLUENCE IN PORTUGAL, A MEMBER OF NATO. THIS PROBLEM WILL ALSO
BE DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS. PRESIDENT FORD IS ALSO MEETING
THURKISH PRIME MINISTER SULEYMAN DEMIREL AND GREEK PRIME
MINISTER CONSTANTINE KARAMANLIS IN BRUSSELS. SERIOUS
NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE ARE CALLED FOR IMMEDIATELY
BEFORE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GREEKS AND TURKS WORSEN OVER
DISPUTED OIL RIGHTS IN THE AEGEAN SEA.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISSUED IN BRUSSELS IS THE STRATEGIC ARMS AGREE-
MENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA. DR. ISSINGER HAS
BRIEFED EXPERTS ON HIS TALKS IN VIENNA WITH SOVIET FOREIGN
MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO. THE MAIN PROBLEM IN FINALIZING THE
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VLADIVOSTOCK ARMS AGREEMENT BETWEEN MR. FORD AND MR. BREZHNEV,

THE SOVIET LEADER, IS NO DOUBT THAT OF VERIFYING WHETHER THE
SOVIET UNION HAS DEPLOYED INDEPENDENT MULTIPLE WARHEADS ON ITS
INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILES.

WESTERN EUROPE, WHICH STANDS FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, SHOULD
BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S EUROPEAN
VISIT, PARTICULARLY IN STRENGTHENING THE WESTERN ALLIANCE." BIRN

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